

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are pending in this application.

Applicants have amended claims 9, 12, and 15. The changes to these claims made herein do not introduce any new matter.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 101

In response to the rejection of claims 9, 12, and 15 under 35 U.S.C. § 101, Applicants have amended each of these claims to specify that the program product includes a program stored in a computer-readable storage medium. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 9, 12, and 15 now define statutory subject matter under 35 U.S.C. § 101, and request that the rejection of these claims thereunder be withdrawn.

Rejection for Obviousness-Type Double Patenting

In response to the obviousness-type double patenting rejection of claims 1-15 as being unpatentable over claims 1 and 4-11 of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2004/0263882 A1 (the publication of U.S. Application No. 10/826,860, which is now U.S. Patent No. US 7,345,787 B2), Applicants are concurrently submitting a terminal disclaimer. Accordingly, Applicants request that the obvious-type double patenting rejection of claims 1-15 be withdrawn.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and reexamination of claims 1-15, as amended herein, and submit that these claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, a notice of allowance is respectfully requested. In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at (408) 749-6902. If any additional fees are due in

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connection with the filing of this paper, then the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. YOKOP010).

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